# *Executive Proclamation*
# *State of South Dakota*
# *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, Rod "Woody" Woodruff has taken a small piece of prairie ground in Meade County and turned it into one of the world's premiere concert venues, the legendary Buffalo Chip Campground; and,

***Whereas***, Woody, through his tireless efforts to continually improve the Buffalo Chip Campground and the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, has been a key figure and instrumental in the extraordinary growth of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally; and,

***Whereas***, The growth in the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally has made a significant positive impact on the tourism industry and the growth of South Dakota's economy; and,

***Whereas***, Woody has overcome tremendous political, financial and personal adversity to bring the Buffalo Chip Campground to national prominence; and,

***Whereas,*** Woody has been an active supporter of charitable causes, including The Children's Craniofacial Association; Easter Seals of South Dakota; Habitat for Humanity; Make A Wish Foundation; Western Resources for Disabled Independence; Working Against Violence; ABATE; organizations for our military men and women; and countless softball, little league, bowling and racing teams; and,

***Whereas,*** Woody and the Buffalo Chip Campground have, for years, been responsible for bringing together some of the world's finest entertainers to perform for our citizens and honored guests who come here on two wheels; and,

***Whereas***, There exists on earth no single individual who has done more to help the Sturgis Rally and South Dakota tourism; and,

***Whereas,*** Woody is committed to his efforts for the Buffalo Chip Campground, for the Sturgis Rally, and tourism in the state of South Dakota so all may continue to enjoy the legendary Buffalo Chip Campground:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 6, 2003, as

*ROD "WOODY" WOODRUFF DAY*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State